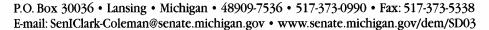
STATE SENATOR - IRMA CLARK-COLEMAN - 3RD DISTRICT

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CLARK-COLEMAN RETURNS FROM FACT FINDING MISSION TO TAIWAN

LANSING – Sen. Irma Clark-Coleman (D-Detroit) recently returned from a trade mission to Taiwan with renewed confidence of improved relations between the United States and the independent nation.

Sen. Clark-Coleman was part of a delegation of women legislators from around the country who traveled to Taiwan to observe the cultural, economic and political climate of the island nation. The National Foundation for Women Legislators sponsored the mission that connected U.S. state officials with Taiwanese leaders to discuss political progress and reforms underway in that country as it appeals for diplomatic recognition.

"I am inspired by the resolve of the Taiwanese people to improve conditions for themselves," Sen. Clark-Coleman said. "I am further encouraged by the election of Ms. Hsiu-lien Lu as Taiwan's vice president."

The U.S. delegation met with Taiwan Vice President Hsiu-lien Lu and conducted interviews with administrators at the Economic Affairs Ministry and members of the Legislative Yuan (Parliament).



Senator Clark_Coleman meets with Vice President Lu Hsiu-lien of Taiwan

The bi-partisan, U.S. group included Rep. Faye B. Culp (FL); Rep. Lynn Berbano Finnegan (HI); Rep. Pamela Gorman (AZ); Rep. Joni L. Jenkins (KY); Rep. Mary Lou Marzian (KY); Rep. Judy Morrison (KS); Sen. Rebecca Rios (AZ); Rep. Juanita Head Walton (MO) and Rep. Diane Winston (LA)

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State Sen. Irma Clark-Coleman represents the 3rd Senate District. She sits on the Banking & Financial Institutions, Education, Families & Human Services, and Senior Citizens & Veteran Affairs committees.